

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7620

INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, IS, SY

SUBJ: ASAD CRITICISM OF AMB TOON'S REMARKS DURING  
PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

REF: DAMASCUS 2767

1. AS DEPT AWARE, THERE IS NOTHING IN TEXT OF AMB TOON'S  
PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS STATEMENT WHICH COULD  
REALISTICALLY HAVE PROMPTED CRITICISM BY ASAD REPORTED REFTEL.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED COVERAGE OF CEREMONY IN HEBREW PRESS  
FOR SOME MISREPRESENTATION OF REMARKS HERE THAT  
MIGHT HAVE BEEN PICKED UP BY SYRIAN MEDIA. ALL PAERS EXCEPT  
JERUSALEM POST CARRIED REPORT OF CEREMONY WITH NEITHER COMMENT NOR  
QUOTE FROM TEXT OF STATEMENT. JERUSALEM POST CHOSE TO QUOTE THE  
FOLLOWING: BEGIN QUOTE: THE TIMES ARE GRAVE AND THE TASKS  
OUR NATIONS FACE ARE DIFFICULT. AS BEFITS RELATIONS BETWEEN  
MATURE PEOPLES, WE DO NOT ALWAYS AGREE ON EVERY ISSUE;  
BUT WE ARE TOGETHER ON THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE-- THE NEED  
FOR PEACE IN THIS AREA AND THROUGH-OUT THE WORLD. END QUOTE.  
ISRAELI RADIO HIGHLIGHTED SAME PASSAGE.

3. WE SUGGEST DEPT REPEAT TEXT OF STATEMENT (STATE 153510)  
TO AMBASSADOR MURPHY AND AUTHORIZE HIM TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO ASAD.

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